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**UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING ON
THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
(UKRAINE)**

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Security Council Chamber,
United Nations,
New York

Madam President,

1. A few moments ago, this Council voted to consider a briefing on the situation in Ukraine. Our responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security makes it imperative to encourage the path of dialogue and preventive diplomacy. That is the only way to end the tensions, bridge the differences between the parties, and forge a unified and pacific position on the situation in Ukraine.
2. Let me begin by thanking Rosemary DiCarlo, USG for Peacebuilding and Political Affairs for the briefing. I also welcome the participation of the representative of Ukraine in this meeting.
3. Ghana has been following closely the situation in Ukraine. I have also listened carefully to the briefing we just received from the Secretariat as well as the statement of delegations that have spoken before me. We have paid careful attention to the perspectives of the key parties to the situation and hope that at the end of this meeting the views of members of the Council would be closer to each other than when we first began.
4. We note from the situation in Ukraine that while there has been a build-up of Russian troops at its internationally recognised borders, those troops are presently within the national territory of the Russian Federation. We also have taken note that while the military build-up of the troops of the Russian Federation are within its borders, this has caused for Ukraine and other parties, a concern over the intentions of the build-up and its prospective implications on international peace and security.

5. We therefore welcome the ongoing dialogue between the Russian Federation and the United States to address primary and secondary security concerns that have implications on the situation in Ukraine as well as recent face-to-face dialogue between the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine in Paris after several months of no contact, to enhance trust and remove possibilities for an accidental incident.

6. We note with concern the implications the situation has had on the economy of Ukraine and neighbouring markets, and welcome, in this regard, the call by the President of Ukraine for an easing of the strong narratives on the situation. This must be a time for confidence building to facilitate a restoration of normalcy for the people of Ukraine.

7. In concluding, Madam President, Ghana believes that in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of this Organisation, differences between Member States should only be resolved through peaceful means. We remain encouraged by the ongoing diplomatic engagement between the parties and reiterate our support for those efforts, which should also take into account the delicate nature of the situation.

I thank you for your attention.